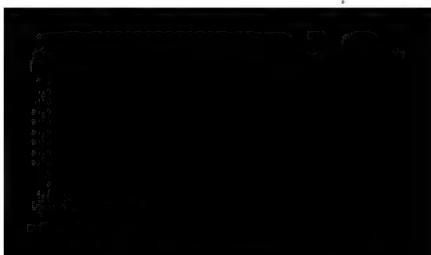


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I have read with great interest your [redacted] and the ensuing correspondence between you and various college and school officials. It is the sort of presentation I would have given a great deal to have been consulted about when I was a boys' boarding school headmaster back in the 30's.

I am not surprised that so obviously excellent a proposal ran the gamut of enthusiastic and negative reactions. My experience in the secondary educational school game led me to believe that suggestions were often looked upon with suspicion and resentment by the very people who needed them most.

I would like to have seen a little more accentuation placed on interesting school and college boys in making government a career. Only recently has the type of school boy you have reference to shown any interest in the possibility of making government a career in spite of the fact that the State Department, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Economic Cooperation Administration have made some belated and half-hearted attempts to interest young men and women in their organizations. Unfortunately, the organization I represent can't take a very positive stand, which might be termed proselytizing. We have to be very careful else we are accused of perverting the youth of America toward a cloak and dagger career.

I am, however, interested both as an individual and as the Director of Training of the organization I represent in this whole subject, and I hope you will keep me informed of any progress you make or any help I can be to you.

Sincerely yours,

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